

In the Claims

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A stabilized pharmaceutical dosage unit, comprising:

tibolone, in an amount of from 0.1 to 10% by weight of the dosage unit, and a

pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the carrier comprising a water-insoluble starch product, in an amount of at least 10% up to 40% by weight of the carrier,

wherein the dosage unit is contained in a humid atmosphere of 50% to 75% relative humidity until administration.

14. (New) The dosage unit according to claim 13, wherein the dosage unit is a tablet.

15. (New) The dosage unit according to claim 13, wherein the carrier comprises a water-insoluble starch in an amount of 10% by weight of the carrier.

16. (New) The dosage unit according to claim 13, wherein the starch product is selected from the group consisting of Starch 1500, potato starch, corn starch, wheat starch, and mixtures thereof, the group including modified starches, agglomerated starches, and granulated starches.

17. (New) The dosage unit according to claim 13, comprising up to 5% by weight of a stabilizer selected from the group consisting of antioxidants, chelating agents, and mixtures thereof.

18. (New) The dosage unit according to claim 17, wherein the stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of ascorbyl palmitate, ascorbyl stearate, sodium ascorbate, and mixtures thereof.

19. (New) A method of making a dosage unit, comprising the steps of:

providing a carrier,
mixing tibolone with a portion of the eventually needed amount of carrier to obtain a pre-mix,
screening the pre-mix,
further mixing it with the remaining portion of the carrier,
and
finally admixing with lubricant,
wherein the dosage unit composition is according to claim 13.

20. (New) A method of increasing the stability of a dosage unit containing tibolone, comprising:

mixing the tibolone with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier comprising starch in an amount of at least 10% up to 40% by weight of the carrier,

wherein the dosage unit is contained in a humid atmosphere of 50% to 75% relative humidity until administration.